

C. APPLICANT'S COMMENTS

Claims 1-16 are pending in this Application, with Claims 1, 4, 8, 9, 13 being amended. No new matter is added by way of these amendments, and the amendments are supported throughout the Specification and the drawings. Reconsideration of Claims 1, 4, 8, 9, 13 is respectfully requested. The Examiner's rejections will be considered in the order of their occurrence in the Official Action.

Paragraph 2 of the Official Action

The Specification has been amended in accordance with the Examiner's helpful suggestions.

Paragraphs 3-4 of the Official Action

Claims 1, 4, 8, 9 and 13 have been amended to clarify the claimed invention. The first member and the second member claimed in Claims 8, 9, 13 are not specifically claimed structures of independent Claim 1 as they are merely the picture frame elements. However, the Applicant has amended Claims 8, 9, 13 to show that they are referencing the first member and second member as illustrated in independent Claim 1.

Paragraphs 5-6 of the Official Action

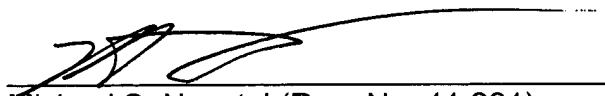
The Official Action has indicated Claims 1-16 would be allowable if amended accordingly which the Applicant has done. The Applicant submits that Claims 1-16 are in condition for allowance.

D. CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, early reconsideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited. Should the Examiner consider necessary or desirable any formal changes anywhere in the specification, claims and/or drawing, then it is respectfully asked that such changes be made by Examiner's Amendment, if the Examiner feels this would facilitate passage of the case

to issuance. Alternatively should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, they are invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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